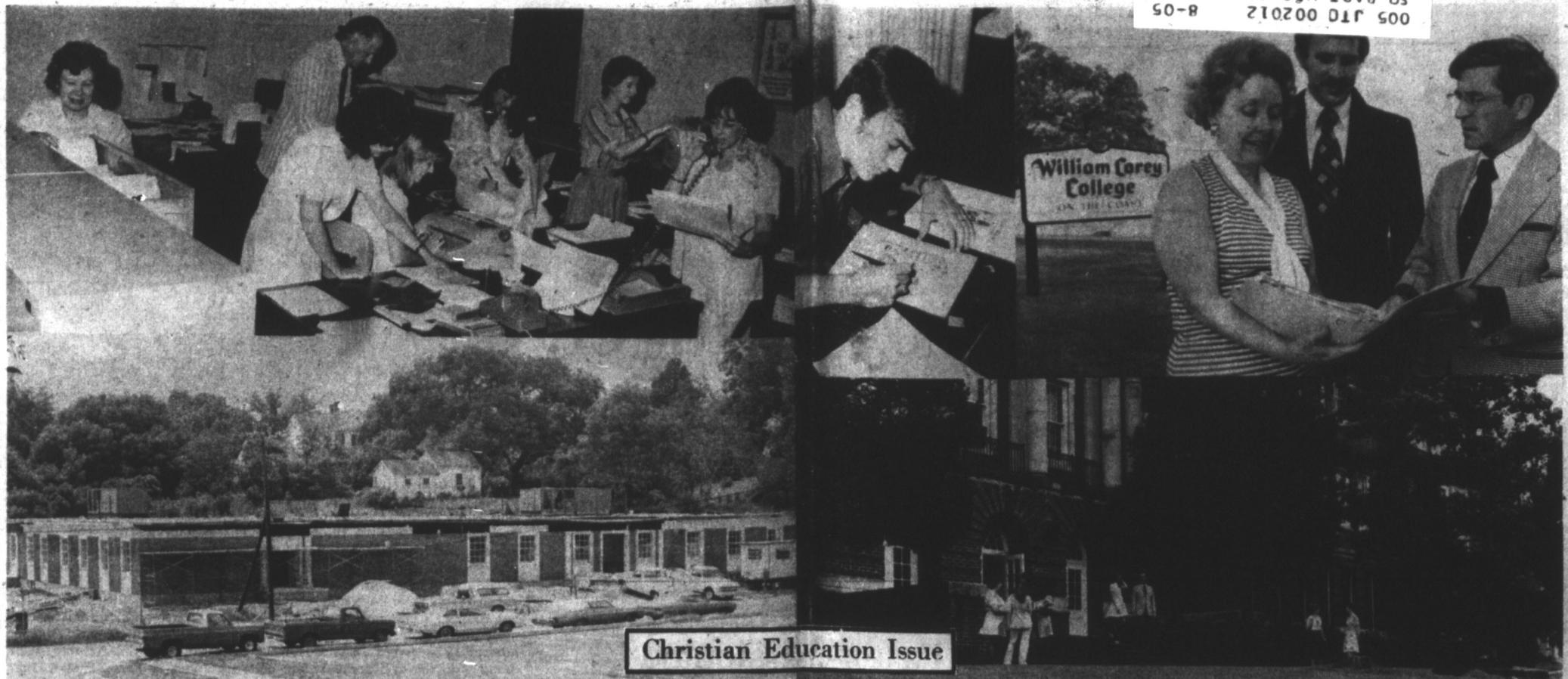


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INSTITUTIONS EXPECT

## Institutions Expect Year Of Advance

The four colleges of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the educational division of the Baptist Medical Center, begin their 1976-77 programs with an optimistic outlook.

Following our annual custom of many years, the Baptist Record is, in this special "education issue," carrying stories of the institutions and their plans and programs for the coming year.

### Mississippi College

## Begins 151st Year

Off and running for another 150 years!

This could well be the theme for Mississippi College as the veteran Baptist higher education institution prepares to open its 151st academic session on Sunday, August, 29.

For a college that has been pacing the educational community for a century and a half—125 of those under the leadership of Mississippi Baptists—Mississippi College has run the race well and shows no sign of fatigue.

In fact, just the opposite is true.

The college seems to pick up new vigor with each passing year

and will begin the 1976-77 session with uncontrolled enthusiasm as it anticipates serving more Baptists and others than ever before in its history.

The quest for new heights begins on Sunday, Aug. 29, as the 1976-77 session officially begins with the opening of residence halls for freshmen and transfer students. The new arrivals, coming from almost every county in Mississippi and almost every state in the union, plus several foreign countries, could be one of the largest groups of new faces to hit the campus in several years.

Admissions reports indicate that there will be a substantial in-

"On-to-College" Day will be observed in many of the churches in the state just prior to the opening of the fall sessions of the schools.

In addition to the educational institutions owned by the denomination, many Baptist students will attend one of the other colleges or universities in the state, and some will go to other states.

In practically every one of the institutions in our state a Baptist Student Union program is carried on under the general direction of the Baptist Student Work department of the state convention

crease in new students and the college could be headed for its first 4,000 plus enrollment mark for a 12-month school year. Enrollment came close to that figure this past year, with a total of 3,965 individuals enrolled.

At 1:30 p.m. on Monday the fresh will report to their faculty advisors in Nelson Hall for schedule arrangement and at 5 p.m. will attend an affair that will give them the opportunity of meeting the leaders of the Baptist Student Union on campus.

Academic advising will continue

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board. Rev. Ralph B. Winders is the state director. There is a Baptist student director and a Baptist student center on almost every campus. Moreover, local Baptist churches where the campus is

located have student programs. A listing of the BSU directors and programs will be carried in an early issue of the Record.

Since we are majoring on Christian Education in this issue of the

rector; and Dr. Bill Osborn, new administrative dean. Bottom left: Work is moving on schedule on the new School of Nursing and Home Economics Building at MC. Bottom right: Blue Mountain's Academic Dean, William Washburn, greets the Student Council representatives as they gather to plan orientation activities.

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### William Carey

## To Dedicate Coast Campus

William Carey College featured speaker as William Carey College officially dedicates its new campus,

CAREY ON THE COAST, on Saturday afternoon, August 28. The announcement was made by President J. Ralph Noonester who indicated

Dr. Kelly a desire that Baptists throughout the state consider themselves invited to participate in the ceremony which will launch the beginning of a Christian higher education program on the Gulf Coast for the very first time.

On June 1, William Carey College Board of Trustees announced the acquisition of twenty beachfront acres of land formerly owned by the Gulf Coast Military Academy. A full academic program for both undergraduates and graduate students will begin with registration on Wednesday, September 1. Dr. Bill Osborn has

been chosen to administer day-to-day operations of the coastal operation. He is an outstanding doctoral graduate of the University of California who has done extensive Southern Baptist mission work in the California area.

Beginning at 2 p.m. the dedication ceremony for the new campus will be held under the large open pavilion on the school grounds. The Keesler Air Force Band will present music for the occasion as dignitaries from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Baptist leaders and business and professional persons from the Mississippi Coast, and school officials take part in the proceedings. Large numbers of William Carey College alumni, now living and working on the Coast, will also be in attendance.

Members of the Carey College committee for planning the CAREY ON THE COAST dedication include: Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, chairman, Dr. Ralph Noonester, Dr. Hugh Dickens (vice-president for development), Dr. Frank Gunn, (trustee of the college and pastor of First Bap-

tist Church of Biloxi), Dr. Bill Osborn, Rev. Bobby Perry (pastor of First Baptist Church of Moss Point), and Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the school of music.

1976 saw William Carey College celebrating not only the birth of America but also the seventieth anniversary of her own existence that began in 1906 with the founding of South Mississippi College.

The phenomenal growth pattern of the college continued to gain momentum as an all time high of 2544 students enrolled for studies during the year. Approximately 500 of these were graduate students working towards master's degrees in education or music.

William Carey will begin its fall semester Tuesday, August 21, with registration in Wilkes Cafeteria. Classes start at 8 a.m. on September 2.

Dormitories will open to students at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

Students at the college's New Orleans campus will register on August 20, with registration at the new Carey College on the Coast

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### Clarke

## Sees Gains Over Last Year

"Clarke College enters its sixtieth school year and America's third century with confidence and expectation, recognizing the significance of Christian education in the history of the nation," states Dr. Lowrey Compre, president. As of August 1 the number of applications was slightly ahead of the same date last year and the percentage of returning students is at a high level.

The campus of the Mississippi Baptist Junior College will come to new life on Sunday, August 29, as residence halls open for returning sophomores and a large number of new students. All the apartments in the recently constructed duplexes for married students have been completely reserved, as well as most of the leased mobile homes in College Park.

The administrative offices are prepared to help additional married students find off-campus housing if this should be necessary.

Social events are scheduled throughout the first week of school, beginning with the annual get-acquainted fellowship on Sunday evening in the cafeteria as

the returning sophomores and approximately 60% of the new students have been pre-scheduled.

This procedure greatly facilitates the registration process. Dean Vaughn states, "Clarke College students today are carefully examining the career impact of their course work and are seeking early guidance in choosing programs that will meet both their interest and the academic requirements of today's careers."

Several new members of the faculty and staff begin their work with the college at the opening of the new session.

Teaching business education and secretarial science will be offered this year on the Clarke campus by William Carey College. Courses in Bible, religious education, music and education will be taught by regular faculty members from Carey who will commute to Newton for this work.

Additional qualified part-time teachers in the area will assist with the project.

Schedule advising and registration for all students will be carried out on Monday under the direction of Dean Victor R. Vaughn who reports that more than 90%

## Medical Center Continues To Sponsor Education Programs

Students in the various educational programs of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center are ready to launch a scheduled of activities for the 1976-77 academic season, according to Miss Kathy Bearden, BSU Director at the center.

Participating in the various events are students in the medical center's program for practical nurses, radiologists, medical technologists, respiratory therapists and physical therapists.

Planning is under the direction of a Student Council made up of

two representatives from each of these five programs. Council meetings are being held to finalize plans for 1976-77 student events at the medical center.

Miss Bearden said Mark Mine, director of special events at Calvary Baptist Church, has "extended an invitation to the MBMC students to use the gymnasium at the church during the year for athletic and recreational get-togethers."

"We have already used the gymnasium for a skating party."

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## Second Front Page

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# Trustees Adopt Record Budget; Set Focus On Bible Teaching

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in their semi-annual meeting here, adopted a record \$73.9 million budget for 1976-77 and emphasized the agency's priority area of Bible teaching for the masses.

During the two-day session at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center approval was given to a joint project with the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission looking toward exploring the possibility of a radio-television Bible teaching program in conjunction with correspondence Bible study. The next step in the sequence of events will be to present the proposal to the Radio and Television Commission board of trustees for approval at their meeting in October.

Plans for release of four curriculum publications in the Bible Series on Oct. 1, 1976, also were approved. The periodicals, for youth, adults and leaders of each group, will provide systematic Bible study in both the Old and New Testaments each year.

In adopting a \$73,907,000 budget, up from \$64,761,000 the previous year, trustees noted that while the church literature production costs will have increased approximately 11 percent in two years, no price increases would be passed on to churches at this time. Another area of controlled price increases for the coming year, broad spokesman said, will be meal cost increases of 25 cents a day at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center and 75 cents a day at Glorieta (N. M.) Conference Center. Current daily meal costs at the conference centers is \$6.75.

The trustees joined with the administration in moving toward the goal of helping churches receive maximum financial benefit from management productivity effectiveness by holding down price increases as much as possible during the continuing inflationary spiral, a board spokesman said.

Additional emphasis in Bible

study for the masses came through a report on the continuing successes of the board's new ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan by ACTION Plan originator and Sunday School Board consultant Andy Anderson.

## First Pastor-Missionary Retreat To Be At Wall Doxey

Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs will be the site of a pastor-missionary retreat Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker for the retreat. Dr. Kelly is a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Holly Springs. He will also conduct two question and discussion periods during the retreat.

The Bible study will be conducted by Dr. James Travis of the faculty of Blue Mountain College.

Other messages will be delivered by Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, and Therman Bryant, consultant in the department.

Other program personalities and their subjects will include H. L. Barnes Jr., New Albany; Ephesians; Ronnie Barefield, Pontotoc; Philippians; Tommy Park,

Whaley, Nettleton, Romans; Bob Watkins, Colliersville, Tenn., I Corinthians; James Smith, Batesville, II Corinthians; Robert Sugg, Bellefontaine, Colossians; Billy Langley, Fulton, I Thessalonians; Randy Mobley, Olive Branch, II Thessalonians; Avery Lumsden, Guntown, I Timothy; Douglas Joslin, Hickory Flat, Galatians; Charles Dampeer, Iuka, II Timothy; John Gray, Banner, Titus; and Excalibur, Booneville, Hebrews.

The retreat will get under way at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and continue through the day until 8:30 p.m. It will begin again with breakfast at 7 a.m. on Wednesday and continue until lunch.

The meals and lodging will be furnished free of charge, Bryant pointed out. Those attending the retreat are asked to bring pillows and linens.

Similar retreats are scheduled Sept. 2 at Leroy Percy Park, Sept. 7 to 8 at Roosevelt State Park, and Sept. 9 to 10 at Paul Johnson Park.

## Foreign Mission Board Sets Budget Limit, Appoints 13 Missionaries, Grants Relief

RICHMOND (BP) — During its August meeting, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 13 missionaries and approved a \$57,198,044 figure within which the 1977 budget will be prepared.

The board also appropriated \$55,000 for world relief and heard a report cautioning against a possible misunderstanding in the interpretation of the board's "Bold New Plans" for the next 25 years.

The budget of more than \$57 million, which represents an increase of more than 12 percent over the 1976 budget, will be prepared and presented to the board for approval in October. The bulk of the budget comes from funds from the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified

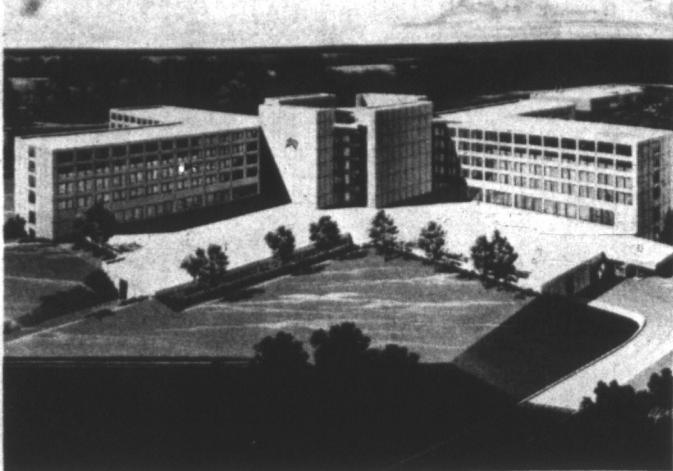
budget and from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director, did not attend the meeting due to recuperation from recent surgery. The board was told that Cauthen is at home recovering normally and is expected to return to his office soon.

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, expressed concern that Southern Baptists would misunderstand some of the highlights of the board's 25 year plan.

"I have feared that many may not understand the nature of our mission effort as being a comprehensive and a balanced effort," Crawley said.

He said Baptists must realize the board's major, overarching objective to preach the gospel to



New Memphis Hospital

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, has signed a \$26,611,000 contract with the Indianapolis, Indiana construction firm of Huber, Hunt & Nichols for the construction of a 400-bed satellite hospital in East Memphis (Walnut Grove, one block east of I-240). Construction is to begin in September, and it is estimated that it will take 24 months to complete the hospital. The facility will have 85 percent private accommodations and 15 percent two-bed rooms. The hospital will provide a full range of diagnostic and treatment facilities including a 10-bed coronary intensive care unit, a 10-bed medical-surgical intensive care unit, emergency treatment facilities, 10 operating rooms, a complete obstetrical service, a neo-natal intensive care unit, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, in addition to X-ray and laboratory services. The hospital's medical and professional staff, along with the architectural firm of Walk Jones & Francis Mah, Inc., have spent two years in developing the plans for the new hospital.

## Missionaries Uninjured In Plane Hijack Effort

ISTABUL (BP) — A Southern Baptist missionary family escaped injury here as terrorists exploded grenades and fired on passengers waiting to board an Israeli El Al jetliner in which the missionaries were traveling to Tel Aviv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Mantooth, missionaries to Israel, were returning to Tel Aviv with their two children after Mantooth had been on a preaching assignment in Ankara, Turkey, according to Jeannine (Mrs. Wayne) Buck, Southern Baptist Press representative in Israel.

They were in an airport bus in Istanbul, approaching the plane before boarding, when they heard the initial explosion in the terminal building. The blast was

followed by hand grenade and machine gun fire, according to Mantooth.

The apparent hijacking attempt on Aug. 11 was thwarted, but four persons were killed and about 20 were wounded, according to news reports.

"We feel the Lord must have worked out the timing on this thing because we only missed being in the terminal for the initial blast by about four minutes," Mantooth said. "El Al moved most of the passengers out about 15 minutes early. This was very unusual."

"If we had been another three or four minutes in the airport before boarding, when they heard the initial explosion in the terminal building, the blast was

## Workshops Feature Videotapes

Crawley also expressed concern for the victims of the recent earthquake in China and for the fact that no relief efforts by the Foreign Mission Board are possible in that country.

The board also heard a report from William R. Wakefield, area secretary for Southeast Asia, who recently returned from a trip to that area.

He reported an overall responsiveness to the gospel throughout Southeast Asia and a sense of urgency on the part of missionaries to reach the area while there is such keen opportunity.

The missionaries in Thailand have requested 50 new missionaries for the next four years, according to Wakefield. "Their desire is to reach this country while it is still possible to do so," he commented.

The \$95,000 appropriated for relief includes \$75,000 for "food for work" projects to assist drought relief efforts in North Brazil, \$10,000 to provide temporary housing for victims of an earthquake in Indonesia, \$5,000 for work with Lebanese refugees in Israel, and \$5,000 to help rebuild 50 houses and a small chapel in a village near San Martin, Guatemala.

Thirteen missionaries were appointed to serve in seven countries.

William P. Davis Joins World Home Bible League

Dr. William P. Davis of Jackson will join the World Home Bible League Southern Baptist Division staff on Sept. 1. His primary duty will be to promote the work of the World Home Bible League among the Baptists of Mississippi.

Recalling his conversion at six years of age, Dr. Davis relates, "My parents opened the Bible that I might know the way." He was licensed to preach at age 13, ordained at age 16, and has given his whole life to the ministry.

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## Workshops

GLORIETA, N. M. — Forty-seven Bible Teaching-Learning Workshops, sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and Sunday School departments of state Baptist conventions, will be conducted across the nation in 1977 to improve Bible study, increase understanding of

the teacher's role and utilize curriculum materials more effectively.

Thirty-six states have scheduled workshops in key cities, making it possible for approximately 25 percent of the Southern Baptist constituency to be within 150 miles of a workshop.



GLORIETA, N. M. — Seven age-group teaching videotapes were filmed on location at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center and Albuquerque, N. M., during a recent Sunday School Leadership Conference. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, is shown standing here with a videotape technician.



**CAREY BSU PLANS FOR FALL.** Five Baptist Student Union Council members look over the shoulder of Tim Thomas, religious activities director, as they chart the course for a full BSU schedule of events for the fall, 1976, semester. Left to right: Joy Kirby, council member; Joan Myrick, vice-president; Angela Dunnain, secretary; Rick Alford, president; and Cecil Rimes, photographer. The BSU council members plan to be on hand Sunday, August 29, to welcome new students.



**FIRST COMMUNICATIONS GRADUATE** — Julie Sellers, first graduate to receive a degree in communications from William Carey College, took a few minutes to chat with her advisor, Dr. J. V. McCrary. Julie received her degree, along with 173 other graduates, on August 8.

## Carey To Dedicate Coast Campus

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scheduled for September 1.

Carey on the Coast will offer a full program of undergraduate and graduate studies, but in addition will add "DEMAND CLASSES" as the need arises in the area of continuing education and special interest courses.

Along with the 26% in enrollment figures and with the purchase of a new campus, another outstanding achievement during the year is an increase of \$750,000 in the operational budget. The projected budget for the coming year will be in the neighbor-

hood of \$4 million," commented President J. Ralph Noonkester, "and this seems incredible in light of the approximate \$250,000 budget of our school when we began this administration twenty years ago."

One of the major efforts of the college during the past year was the working with Mississippi Baptists in formulating more effective curriculum for training Christian educational leadership for Mississippi Baptist churches. An increase in the number of ministerial students has been recorded, with summer missionaries and

journeymen going out from the college to all parts of the world. An active BSU program continues to spearhead religious activities in particular and spiritual life development in general.

The Carey School of Nursing early in the year received word of full accreditation by the National League of Nursing.

On August 8 William Carey College graduated 178 students with both undergraduate and graduate degrees. This brings the total

number of degrees conferred during the year to 431 — an all-time high.

"Close inter-personal relationships are viewed as an integral part of our program here at William Carey College," commented Dr. Noonkester. "We seek to equip the student with support in order for him to make moral judgments based on Biblical foundations. Therein he may find a more meaningful and purposeful life."



### New Faculty Members At Carey

Dr. Cleamont Downs, a native of Pascagoula and a recent graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted a position as associate professor of church music and voice at the William Carey College School of Music.

William Carey College has announced that Dr. T. Graham Purkerson will be joining the music faculty as associate professor of organ and piano. Dr. Purkerson is a native of Greenwood, South Carolina.

Jan Eric Douglas will be joining the School of Music faculty at William Carey College as assistant professor of voice beginning in the fall semester. Mr. Douglas was born in Belleville, Illinois but has lived in the South most of his life. He has served as minister of music at Forest Heights Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida since 1971.

Dr. James Hugh Fry has accepted the position of associate professor of music theory and composition in the School of Music at William Carey College.



**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS NAMES NEW DEAN.** — Dr. Steve Robinson, PhD from the University of Oklahoma, has assumed the newly appointed position as Dean as the Carey business administration program grew this year from the status of a department to that of a school. Petty Odom, Carey student and wife of a ministerial student, looks over the variety of curriculum offerings within a business program.

## Clarke Sees Gains Over Last Year

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physical education, and recreation. He will also serve as resident advisor in the Men's Residence Hall.

L. Philip Dunaway will be the new teacher of Bible. He and his wife, the former Laura Lindley, of Meridian, served two years as US-2 missionaries in Michigan under the Home Mission Board.

Allen Parnell is the new director of admissions and alumni affairs. He comes to the work at Clarke from the pastorate of Calvary Church, Smithdale. He is married to the former Sherry Lang from Magnolia.

In this day when escalating costs put a strain on family budgets Clarke provides financial assistance to all its students by keeping its tuition charges at the lowest rate possible and offers additional aid to those students who have special needs. A growing number of students are able to obtain Basic Educational Opportunity Grants up to a maximum of about \$900 per year simply by applying for them. The college continues to serve veterans and their dependents receiving educational benefits from the VA. Students preparing for church related vocations are assisted through a program of cooperative scholarships. The college matches a scholarship given by the home church of such a student

up to \$150 per session. This provides a total of \$300 per year or \$600 for the two years. Also, a limited number of eligible students

receive direct financial aid from the college from funds contributed by alumni and many other interested friends. According to

Business Manager Herbert Valentine, "There are still some student aid funds available and I would be glad to talk with any prospective student who needs assistance."

As a service institution Clarke seeks to serve more fully the education needs of its community through an expanded evening program which now includes Bible, chemistry, secretarial training, class piano and art. Also, the highly successful Independent Study Program offers on a year-round basis selected courses in psychology, sociology, history, science and mathematics.

### The New Year At Clarke

By W. L. Compere, President

The 1976-77 session at Clarke College is expected to be an interesting and exciting year. This will not be due to the breaking of enrollment records but to some innovations and experiments which will be carried out. Along with all other church supported junior colleges, Clarke faces difficulty in maintaining its enrollment at the level it needs to be. However, with the number of applications running a little ahead of 1975, the enrollment is likely to be at least equal to last year and probably some higher. The College continues to be alert to educational needs in its area and is expanding its evening program to better serve these needs.

Having completed the Institutional Self-Study which the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires of its member schools at ten-year intervals for the reaffirming of accreditation, and having had a campus visitation by a committee from SACS,

said, "We don't give short shrift to any complaint. We evaluate each one and take whatever steps seem necessary."

But Levine did note that a 1975 IRS ruling says that any organization, including a church, which operates a school that has a policy of refusing to accept children from certain racial and ethnic groups will lose recognition by IRS as being either tax exempt or a qualified recipient of tax deductible contributions.



**MISS MISSISSIPPI** — Lovely Bobbye Wood, Carey College sophomore music major, is crowned Miss Mississippi above by Mollie Magee, last year's winner. "I want to wear my crown proudly to honor the Lord," commented Bobbye as she prepared to represent her college and her state in Atlantic City in early September. She is a Baptist.

## The Coming Year At Carey

By J. Ralph Noonkester,  
President, William Carey College

For the past twenty years the philosophy of the current administration of William Carey College has been to "expect" great things from God because we are doing everything possible to "attempt" great things for Him. The coming year will be no exception.

The Baptist Colloquium of Christian Higher Education held recently in Norfolk pointed out the obvious truth that we KNOW our leaders of tomorrow will be educated but "will they be Christian?" This is our mission for the coming year, as for all years, to see that we educate young people to be both academically and spiritually prepared for leadership.

A record growth pattern at Carey College, which began two decades ago, will reach a new dimension September 1 with the opening of CAREY COLLEGE ON THE COAST. Quality Christian education will be offered for the first time to hundreds of students, both young and older, in that area of Mississippi where the fastest growth is taking place.

We at Carey expect to be innovative in our curriculum, meeting the ever-changing needs of continuing education. We expect our under-graduate and graduate programs to enlarge and we expect our faculty, staff and budget to keep pace with the challenge. We expect a GREAT year!

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lege, Dr. Davis served as an associate pastor in Columbus. That was the "springboard" of a career filled with many blessings and opportunities. Dr. Davis said, "Since then, I have always been employed, and I have never applied for a job in my life."

He entered the armed forces as a chaplain. While serving in the South Pacific, he was involved in four major battles.

Following the war, Dr. Davis returned to churches in Kentucky and Mississippi. He was asked to serve as associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He also became a trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, was elected president

of the board, and did some teaching at the seminary. His contributions in this capacity prompted an invitation to become director of National Baptist work in the state.

About this time the World Home Bible League was contacted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention about the possibility of furnishing Bibles to be placed in the black homes in Mississippi. With help from the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, a program to distribute 100,000 Bibles supplies by the World Home Bible League was undertaken.

After retirement as director of National Baptist work, Dr. Davis continued to serve as president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and to teach at the seminary.

He serves the seminary as president emeritus.

"If we think a church is violating that rule, we will audit. If the audit reveals a violation, we will move to revoke the tax-exempt status and status as a qualified recipient of tax deductions," Levine told Baptist Press.

The IRS spokesman told Baptist Press that the IRS could take no position on the right of a church to operate a private school but is in a position to decide whether tax law has been violated.



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## EDITORIAL

### Baptists And Their Colleges

Why have Baptist colleges? Why put so much of the denomination's money into them? Why ask churches and individuals to give generously so that the institutions may grow and enlarge their programs? Why should so large a percentage of Cooperative Program funds be directed to them?

In an earlier day in America the answer would have been to provide educational opportunities for the youth of the land. Almost all of the early universities and colleges, both in this country and Europe, were started by church groups or denominations. Their purpose was to fill the need for higher education, a need which was not being met in any other way. Some of the largest universities in America such as Harvard, Yale, Brown and others, were started as denominational schools. Now, however, it is not necessary for Christian groups to provide education for education's sake, since every state has assumed responsibility for providing higher education, and there are numerous privately endowed schools. If denominational schools have no other reason for existence than simply to provide educational opportunities, then there no longer is valid reason for their existence.

Yet, there is a very definite place for Christian education today, and, if anything, the Christian institutions are more needed now, than ever before in history. In a time when materialism and secularism are everywhere predominant, and when moral values seem to be largely lost, there is an urgent need for institutions which not only provide educational opportunities, but also can give emphasis to spiritual values. By their very nature, state-supported institutions cannot adequately provide this need, and institutions with a religious background and atmosphere are, therefore, sorely needed.

To meet such a need Baptist and other Christian colleges must provide a distinctive type of educational program, and not merely imitate the educational system of secular institutions. Baptist colleges must be positively Christian, and positively Baptist, or there is little reason for their continued existence. Fortunately Baptist colleges can be distinctive, while still providing training of the very highest type. How can this be? What do Baptists expect of their colleges?

First, they expect the institutions to be academically strong. If these colleges are to remain in the field of modern education they must be that. They must have a strong faculty, a broad curriculum, adequate equipment, and good libraries. They must offer the type of courses which are demanded in modern day life, so that students can go forth from their halls fully trained to meet the challenge of today's world. No student should have to leave any Baptist institution with any discount on his academic standing. The institutions must be communities of true learning and scholarship. This alone, however, is not enough. If it is all that our schools have to offer, then Baptists

immediately should withdraw from the educational field. The state, because of its larger resources, can do the job better.

In the second place, these institutions must be positively Christian. Years ago, Southern Baptists' noted leader, Dr. George W. Truett, said that man is a tripartite being, possessed of body, mind and soul. He needs education that ministers not only to the body and mind, but to the soul as well. Dr. Truett added, "Just here it becomes apparent that education by the state cannot be complete education. . . the state cannot attempt to teach religion in her schools." This does not mean that there is no Christian influence on the campuses of tax-supported institutions. Certainly there is, as long as Christian men and women teach there, Christian students attend there, and Christian denominations provide a ministry there. Nevertheless, there are some things which the state institution cannot offer, but which the Christian college can provide.

On the Christian campus Christian professors can teach their courses with a Christian background and emphasis, Bible and other religion courses can be offered and required, and many things can be done to maintain a Christian atmosphere in campus life. This does not mean that every college should be a Bible school, or seminary, but does mean that the spirit of Christ should be clearly evident on that campus.

There is, however, a third requirement which should be emphasized. Baptist colleges should be definitely Baptist. Insofar as possible every faculty member should be Baptist. Where that is not possible, the faculty members should be Christian, and should have a sympathetic attitude toward, and give approval to, Baptists and their work. A teacher with any other attitude has no business on a Baptist college campus. Certainly we do not believe the institution has to be merely a Baptist church on an enlarged scale, but we do feel that it should be so positively Baptist, that young men and women who are trained there will return to their churches strong in their convictions and dedicated in service, whatever their vocations may be.

How can we have such schools? How can Baptist educational institutions be strong academically, positively Christian, and firmly Baptist? Several things must be true concerning them, if this is to be accomplished.

First, the institutions must be owned and controlled by the denomination, and firmly established as a part of the program of denomination which owns and controls it.

Baptists lose their schools when they relinquish any part of the control of them. Examples of this are Brown University in Rhode Island, the University of Chicago, and George Washington University in the District of Columbia. All of these formerly were Baptist schools, but all have been lost to the denominations which once owned them because control was

allowed to pass to trustees other than Baptists.

In the second place, these institutions must have adequate financial support from the denomination. Modern education is a very expensive process. Baptists do not want the institutions they own to be supported with tax money. Financial needs, other than that which is derived from tuition and fees, must come from somewhere. None of these institutions are sufficiently endowed to allow them to operate without financial support. Since they are denominational institutions, they must receive support both from the denominational budget, and from special gifts by Baptists and others interested in what the school is doing. There are no other sources. If we expect these institutions to do the work which we have delegated to them, we must provide them with the funds necessary for that work. The responsibility rests upon every Baptist.

In the third place, these institutions must have the support of the churches and people in the sending of many of their finest young people as students. Baptist colleges cannot provide educational opportunities for all students, nor can they meet the needs of all students, but a select group of our finest youth must be encouraged to attend. In this way, if the institutions are fulfilling their purpose as Baptist schools, these young people will return to their communities as well trained, educated leaders, who also will have a concept of responsibility in church loyalty and Christian service. Out of these schools, too, will come most of the denomination's pastors, missionaries and denominational leaders, as well as others who are dedicated to Christian vocational service. However, it is not these alone which the churches need, for they also must have hosts of laymen and women who will serve God and their churches and denomination, as they fill their place in community life.

Finally, these institutions must have the moral support of every Baptist. They must believe in them, support them, defend them, pray for them, and work for and with them. When all of these things have been done, and great Baptist schools have been built, we can be confident that through years to come, they will continue to bless the churches, the denomination, and the kingdom of God. They will have broad influence, and from their halls will pour forth a constant stream of outstanding young people whose lives will bless the world.

Fortunately, both the Mississippi Baptist institutions, and the Mississippi Baptist attitude toward them, meet the criteria which we have listed above. Our institutions seek faithfully to fulfill the purpose the denomination has set for them, and they have the love and support of our people. It is because of both of these factors that the Baptist educational program in Mississippi looks most encouraging right now.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**THE EVANGELISTIC PIANO HYMNAL** by David Smither (Trinity House Publishing, Box 6582, Lubbock, Texas 79413, 230 pp., \$15.00 postpaid, spiral-bound edition for special price of \$12.50) David Smither, Texas musician, wrote these arrangements in response to a great need he saw among church pianists in Lubbock. There are in the book over 270 stylistic arrangements with "runs and fill-ins." The measures have been numbered for easy reference. A spiral-bound edition, selling for a special price of \$12.50, is easier for the pianist to handle, since it sits easily on the music rack.

**MIRACLE IN MOSCOW** by David Benson (Regal Books, paper, \$3.95, 303 pp.) The author was caught up in a fantastic plot, initiated by Khrushchev in January, 1960, that resulted in the closing of thousands of churches in Russia in four years. This book reveals the writer's deep feelings of excitement in the telling of his story, but above all reveals his belief in the unlimited power of a triumphant Christ.

**ETHICS FOR EVERYBODY** by Richard Gilbert (Project Forward '76, 48 pp.) A values guide to the American Issues Forum.

**BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE** by Mark Hatfield (Word Books, \$7.95, 224 pp.) Is it really possible to follow a career in politics and be faithfully committed to Christ at the same time? Senator Mark Hatfield shares his deepest feelings on this question and others equally crucial. He vividly describes some of the agonies and frustrations of his career.

as he would not have the texts in front of him and would have to follow the director carefully. A second instrument would be needed (probably organ) for the basic chord structure of the hymns." The book may be ordered from the publisher.

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY SERMONS** by Bruce Cummins (Sword of the Lord, \$3.50, 120 pp.) A collection of sermons by the founder and pastor for 22 years, of the 2,000-member Massillon Baptist Temple at Massillon, Ohio.

Last week we ran reviews of four books by Moody Adams, giving the price of only one of them. After the paper went to press we discovered that we did have the prices. They are: Jesus Never Spoke in Tongues, \$2.00; New Signs of the Second Coming, \$2.00; Beaches of Gold, \$2.00; The Witches Are Rising, \$1.50. All may be ordered from Moody Adams, Baker La. 70714.

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP** by A. R. Fagan (Convention, paper, 118 pp., \$1.25) The author, executive director of Southern Baptists' Stewardship Commission, talks about stewardship and what the Bible says about it. He says that stewardship involves more than financial matters; it involves life itself.

**GROWING DISCIPLES THROUGH PREACHING** by Nolan P. Howington, Alton H. McEachern, and Wm. M. Pinson, Jr. (Broadman, paper, \$2.95, 126 pp.) Besides winning the lost, the pastor must help believers grow in discipleship. This book shows the kind of preaching needed for that ministry.

**THE "DEVELOPING" WORLD** — About 900 million persons, or nearly 1/4th of the world's population live in abject poverty — "a condition of life," says World Bank President McNamara, "so limited by illiteracy, malnutrition

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**THE DEMAND FOR SELF-DISCIPLINE** — Miss Barbara Ward discusses



### God Chooses Well

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Questions Methods

##### Used In Church

##### Fund Raising

Dear Dr. Odle:

An article in the Clarion Ledger of this date states that a certain Baptist Church in Mississippi has held a "rock-a-thon" (prolonged rocking in a rocking chair) as a fund raising venture for certain church projects. Recently another article told of a cake bake and sale by another Baptist church in the state. Still another church has held spaghetti suppers as fund raising ventures. A great number of our churches have had children "walking" for which money was paid for the purpose of supporting certain church projects.

From my youth I have been taught, and have believed, that the Biblical method of financing the Lord's work is by tithes and offerings. Am I in error in my belief in this regard? Are these fund raising methods I have mentioned Biblical, and if they are, what are the Biblical references?

Herbert D. Farrell  
Clinton, MS.

##### Retiring Pastor

##### Appreciates Paper

Dear Mr. Odle:

Having decided to take an early retirement from the full-time pastorate prompts me to write and express to you the entire Baptist Record staff, now and through the years that have passed, my deep appreciation for the many courtesies shown the churches I have served, my printing articles for us and always having sufficient space in the Baptist Record for our church news.

I have served in the pastorate for 30 years and have always been, and still am, an avid reader of our state paper.

Please keep the good work up and we will continue to read, with great interest, the great things Mississippi Baptists are doing.

Artis Brewer  
Park Haven Baptist Church  
Route 1, Moss, MS

##### On The MORAL SCENE...

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BMC STUDENTS plan and prepare to meet the entering freshmen. Emily Crump, Memphis, Kathy Pope, Ridgeland, Becky Gray, Okinawa, Nancy Thomas, Juneau, Alaska, and Debbie Cole, Booneville, all freshmen in 1975 helped to plan recruiting programs. Now they prepare to receive the new students.



A SCIENCE LAB in today's institutions is varied according to the interest and emphasis. Blue Mountain's Dr. Les Knight takes his students into the caves in North Mississippi to study the plant life!



NEW CLASS — Instructor Cissy Smyrl of New Albany offers some advice to Anita McCormick of Memphis during the newest class at Blue Mountain College, The Fundamentals of Horsemanship. The popular addition at BMC offers students exposure to basic riding positions and English equitation. Looking on are Denise Davis (l) of Orange City, Fla. and Susan Sparks of Amory.



THE MOUNTAIN'S MEN! Ministerial students enrolled at Blue Mountain College are not only preparing themselves academically and spiritually, they are proving themselves on the church field.

Most of these men are serving churches in North Mississippi and all are providing some type of service and ministry in this area.

education. Several additions will increase the quality of the faculty: Dr. Douglas C. Bain, Jr., a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, will teach Greek, Bible and Psychology; and Miss Candice Carrie will replace Mrs. Aurelia Hollis in the Home Economics Department.

Increased emphasis on athletics for girls has appeared on the collegiate scene. Although Blue Mountain and the other colleges for women have promoted women in sports for years, the college has not experienced the competition or the enthusiasm as is present this year. The college has been successful in recruiting five

additional cagers who have outstanding records. The varsity team has scheduled twenty-five games during the 1976-77 session and plan to take the championship in the Small College Division!

An expanded student recruitment program has been developed and pushed. Recruiting teams of the BMC students traveling throughout the Mid-South are telling the "Blue Mountain Story". Performing groups are available for church and civic programs to help more people understand and appreciate the advantages of a program of higher education in a Christian environment.

"The care we have for students is evident from the very beginning and this is one of our key recruiting aids," President Fisher noted. "We can set up programs to meet the individual needs of our students and this flexibility, coupled with care, is really what sets us apart from many other places a student might visit."

The young woman qualified by education and talent has an almost unlimited future in front of her and it is our challenge at Blue Mountain to see that our students have the opportunity of studying and learning the basic skills which will allow them to compete successfully in today's changing and complex world."

## Mississippi College Soon To Begin 151st Year

(Continued from page 1)

on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. with Dr. Phil McCarty, professor of Bible and religious education, in charge. At 1 p.m. the freshmen and transfer students will begin the actual registration process.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Student Center.

Graduate and Evening School students attending night classes only will register on Monday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m. Day students in the School of Law will register from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31 while Law School evening students will register from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Law School classes will begin on a regular schedule on Wednesday, Sept. 1, while all other classes at the college will begin their regular schedule on Thursday, Sept. 2.

A number of social functions have been scheduled throughout the first few weeks of school so that the students can become better acquainted with one another and with the administration and faculty.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles, president and first lady of the college, will host a Coke Party at their home for the new students from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Later, the students have been invited to a free dinner at the First Baptist Church.

ch of Jackson and then will return to the campus for a movie to be presented in Nelson Auditorium starting at 9 p.m.

With most of the triple anniversary activities now over, officials are optimistic as they look to the new school year and the next 150 years that are ahead. Many exciting things are already scheduled for the new school session, including the dedication of two new buildings, a multi-million dollar capital funds campaign, several new academic programs offering work for both credit and non-credit, and others.

The college takes particular pride in its 125 year association with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the rewards that such association has brought. This past year the college had the privilege of hosting a number of Baptist meetings on campus and visited with churches throughout the state telling its story in motion picture fashion.

Approximately 66 percent of the students enrolled at the college this past year were Baptists and almost 90 percent were from Mississippi.

Because of its 125-year connection with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and its long established reputation as a Christian college, Mississippi College has always attracted a number of students preparing for full-time service in church-related voca-

tions and these students lead out in the various ministries sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

The BSU ministry includes visitation to eight institutions in the Metropolitan Jackson area, sponsorship of two choirs, 45 youth revival teams and a puppet ministry. The BSU participants raised \$2,800 for the Student Summer Mission program.

Nine Mississippi College students were appointed to serve as summer missionaries under the BSU sponsored mission program.

A number of students, not only during the summer months but throughout the entire school year, get actual "on-the-job" training in their church-related callings by occupying part-time jobs in churches and agencies while attending school.

Not only does the college prepare individuals for religious vocations, but for many others as well. In fact, this past school year found the college launching its School of Law and it quickly turned into one of the most popular programs, attracting 580 different individuals during the year.

Two new buildings will be placed into use during the upcoming school year, both of which will play important roles in future development of the college. They are the School of Nursing and Home Economics Building

and the multi-purpose Coliseum.

A number of renovations have taken place in other buildings and on the campus in general and everything is pointing toward a

banner session.

Mississippi College is proud to be part of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and is challenged by the responsibility of providing a

quality curriculum in a Christian environment.

The past 150 years have been great, but the greatest will come during the next 150!

## MC School Of Nursing To Start 8th Year

Starting its eighth year of operation, the Mississippi College School of Nursing prepares to embark on the 1976-77 school session with more enthusiasm and optimism than ever before.

When freshmen and transfer students report in on Sunday, Aug. 29, for the start of the new academic session they will be the first entering group admitted to the program since it received accreditation from the National League of Nursing this past spring.

"This accreditation by the major nursing organization in the country will mean much to our students when they graduate and begin seeking positions," said Dean Marion Bassett.

The accreditation of the School of Nursing came following a stringent self-evaluation study which delved into program courses, credentials of its faculty, and physical facilities.

The latter category will become even more impressive during the

upcoming school year as the nursing program will be moving into its new facility which will house the School of Nursing and the Department of Home Economics. The building should be ready for occupancy by early 1977 and will give the nursing program some of the most modern facilities in the state.

Dean Bassett and her nursing school staff are expecting one of their largest entering classes ever in the eight year history of the school. The group will be reporting in on Sunday, Aug. 29, to work on a curriculum leading to the bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Tuesday these newcomers will be joined by over 125 upperclass students as they report in to begin the registration process on Wednesday.

In announcing plans for the entering students, Mrs. Bassett said they would follow the same registration schedule as the regular students of the college.

The Mississippi College School of Nursing has shown a healthy pattern since it was formed eight years ago to take the place of the diploma-granting Gilfoy School of Nursing that was part of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, now the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. The hospital still serves as a center for some of the clinical experience received by the nursing students.

The School of Nursing program prepares the individual for the role of professional nursing by offering a curriculum which is permeated by Christian principles of living.

The curriculum provides the foundation for those who wish to begin graduate study in nursing following four years of academic and clinical experience. Each nursing graduate of the college will be eligible to take the State Board test pool examination to become a licensed registered nurse.

## Jackson Church Plans Own Bicentennial Music

"The Promised Land" will be presented by Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Aug. 22, and Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

In 1972, the music ministry of the church wished to schedule a patriotic program of music and drama but was unable to find one. Consequently, a committee was asked to study the possibility of preparing such a program.

A primary requirement was that the program would not suggest simply a flag-waving, hoary-for-our-side, blind patriotism. It was to show how God, in provision for His followers, has provided a series of promised lands. For many, America has been one of those promised lands.

With this theme in mind, some of the committee began to consider famous words, famous people, famous music, and famous incidents to be included. Others began to look for slides about America. Still others began to write dramatic sketches with dialogue and to plan still life pictures. Even others wrote narration, looked for music, planned costumes, worked on lighting. Their weeks of study and work resulted in "The Promised Land."

The final scene was the big problem. It must be, the workers thought, something that would raise goose-pimples, clog-up the

throat, mist over the eyes, and speed-up the heart.

Finally, someone said, "We need a flag big enough to cover the wall behind the choir and raise or lower it." That was a great idea, except for the size — 10 ft. by 22 ft.

Where could one of that size be bought? Everyone checked around, and none could be found. So, someone suggested, "We could make one."

And they did. Filled with portable machines, and banquet tables, the Music Suite witnessed an extravagant flag-making bee which lasted most of a week.

Following on the heels of the decision to use the flag and to make it was the problem of how to raise or lower it.

A member in the construction business solved the prob-

lem in 15 minutes.

After weeks of building sets and assembling costumes, of choir rehearsals and drama rehearsals, the program was put together and presented twice. It was the feeling of many of the music ministry at Broadmoor that presenting "The Promised Land" during the Bicentennial Year was a must.

The program is a look at the goodness of America and those who have sought God's leadership for her. This look is taken through a kaleidoscope of narration, still scenes, sketches, songs, slides, and a compilation of important statements and happenings, including the contemporary. It is a chronicle of the faith.

Writers of the script were Mrs. James Fancher, Mrs. James Tadlock, Mrs. Ed Hamilton, Mrs. Ted Warren, Mrs. Clyde McLeod, Mrs. Jerry White, and Mrs. Kerrey Grantham.

Dr. David Grant is pastor of Broadmoor, J. M. Wood, Minister of Music, will direct the music and Mrs. Ed Hamilton, the drama. Accompanists are Mrs. Jimmy King, Mrs. John Clover, and Mrs. George M. Vandergrift.

### Joe Abrams Is Named Pastor Of Spring Hill Church (Copiah)

Rev. Joe Abrams, of Clinton, who has served as interim pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church near Hazlehurst for the past 10 months, has accepted a call to become pastor, effective immediately.

Rev. Abrams retired from active service with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson Dec. 31, 1974, following a tenure of 25 years, the last 20 of which he was associate editor of the Baptist Record.

He is a native of Alabama, but later came to Columbus, Miss., where he was a newspaper man and an active deacon in the First Baptist Church of that city.

Upon entering the ministry he became pastor of the Baptist church at Shuqualak, Miss., a church he served on two different occasions.

Rev. and Mrs. Abrams (the former Lillian Stinson of Co-

lumbus), will continue to live in Clinton and serve the church from there, as they have the past 10 months.

During the past 25 years Rev. Abrams has preached in Baptist churches throughout the state and is well and widely known through his service with the Baptist Record.

Rev. Abrams has also been active in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, having served on several SBC committees, and is a charter member of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association.

He succeeds Dr. E. R. Pinson, also of Clinton, who resigned last year after a pastorate of 11 years.

Keeping your mouth shut is sometimes the best way of saying the most.

Memory is the faculty that suddenly fails a man when he is called as a witness.

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Making plans for the 1976-77 academic year at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center were, from left: Anne Stratton, practical nursing; Betty Oliver, respiratory therapy; Paul J. Pryor, executive director of the center; Paulette Weaver, practical nursing; and Linda Dear, practical nursing. (MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER PHOTO by Carl Cloer).



Educational instructors at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center met with MBMC Executive Director Paul J. Pryor to discuss plans for the 1976-77 academic year. From left: Bob Wall, director of the respiratory therapy educational program; Gene Hutchins, director of the practical nurse program; Mr. Pryor; Bettye Covington, educational coordinator for the medical technology program; Joyce Williams, radiology program; and Sandra Freeman, practical nurse program. (MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER PHOTO by Carl Cloer).

## Back-To-School An Alternative

By Robert L. Lynn  
President, Louisiana College  
Growing indication of widespread moral laxity and corruption at all levels of our society impresses on us once again the basic justification for a Christian higher education.

A paragraph several years ago from the pen of a prominent New York minister drives to the very heart of the matter:

"The youth of this country . . . are educated in spiritually neutral schools and launched into what is increasingly a secularist society. Most of them are ignorant of Christian teaching, strangers to Christian worship, indifferent to Christian moral standards, their attitude being not that religion is to be opposed but that it is an option, a hobby which one may or may not be keen about, just as others are not keen about golf or music or bridge. A generation is growing up in this country with no personal religion. . . . Happy, healthy, lovable pagans!"

Because Southern Baptists in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries desired a Christian alternative to secular higher education, they established Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries. Because Baptists across this nation still desire a Christian alternative to secular higher education, they continue to maintain and support almost seventy Christian schools.

Because a rapidly increasing number of young adults desire a Christian alternative to secular higher education, they are choosing a Christian campus this fall.

And because those who lead and teach at these Christian schools believe that education with Christ as a model teacher and learner is an antidote to the decline moral fiber in our society, they can face the coming academic year with courage, purpose, and hope.

## Correction

In the Baptist Record of August 5, in the column "Names In The News" there was an error concerning the information about Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Montgomery. Billy served as minister of education and youth at First Baptist, Gautier, not Pascagoula.

"We at First Baptist, Gautier are very proud of Billy and Sandra as they work for Him in Ghana," states James P. Allen, minister of education, "as we were while they were with us. First Baptist, Gautier has always been a very mission minded church and several of our young people have surrendered to full time Christian service. Just this past couple weeks, one couple has surrendered for career missionary status and another to serve with the Home Mission Board." John Brock is pastor.

## Mt. Vernon Marks Pastor Moon's Tenth Year

Mt. Vernon Church, Leflore Association, celebrated their pastor's tenth anniversary on July 25, presenting gifts to the pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Moon, Sr.

Mrs. Emma Chander, church clerk, read the minutes of ten years ago and various members of the church spoke words of appreciation for the pastor. Bill Murphree, song director, and Mrs. Donna Bankston, social director, presented the gifts from the church to Mr. and Mrs. Moon; for the pastor, a suit, shirt, and tie, and for his wife a three-piece polyester knit dress suit.

Mrs. Chander said, "This is to show to Brother and Mrs. Moon a little of how much we love them and appreciate what they have meant to us as a church and to our community as a whole."

Afterward, dinner was served at the church.

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# An Attempt At Revival

By Bill Duncan  
II Kings 22:1-23:20

A revival is a new beginning of obedience. You may have attended revival services all your life, but have you ever been in a revival? People are still talking about the revival that came to Picayune last winter. No one really knew where we were going when God's people began to obey God. I have never seen such repentance and weeping for sin. Our churches in this area experienced such a boost that many had the finest financial year they have ever had. The heart of the revival was the love that was shown between the people. If that was revival, I wish we could stay in revival.

The Lesson Annual tells of a store manager who wanted to be a Christian because of the changes he had experienced in the lives of customers and employees. Some went so far as to return stolen merchandise. Employers that had been difficult to work with were changed in their attitudes and actions. The store manager said he had seen people have emotional experiences with no permanent change resulting in their lives. "But if Christ can bring about these changes in people," he said. "I want him to change my life."

This is the kind of revival that comes about because people begin to experience obedience to God. You may need to look at your life and ask yourself the question, "Do you need a revival?"

When young king Josiah began to reign, the nation had drifted away from God. For almost 100 years, the nation had been under the influence of wicked kings. Temple worship was unknown, and the Holy Place was in a bad state of repairs. The book of the law was lost and religious admonitions filled the land.

When Josiah was 16 years of age, "he began to seek after the God of David his father." Disgusted with his father and his grandfather's record, he began to be influenced by the religious leaders. He was converted to a new life known by fruit it bears. He immediately began to bring about reformation.

The reformation under Josiah began with the destruction of idols and other gods and a drive to raise money to repair the temple. He saw to it that the molten images were made into dust. Josiah also burned the bones of the priest upon the alter of Bethel. Thus, the reform began to move into Israel.

The temple had been polluted with pagan gods and pagan worship. After destruction of the idols, the temple stood in need of repair for six years. This may have been necessary in order to raise enough money to repair the temple. The king chose laymen to direct the work of the temple. The priests were to collect the money.

In repairing the temple, the book of the law was found. The rediscovery of the law was a greater achievement than the repairing of the temple. This marked the beginning of the revival. The book of the law was the Pentateuch written by Moses. The scribe, Shaphan, read the contents of the book to the King. At first it was sad news. The King rent his clothes in sadness and repented. He had done the best he knew in reform but now he knew his goodness was not enough. He knew the judgment

that God had promised if the people did not return.

True experience brings sorrow for abuses, but it also creates a desire to know how things may be rectified. The law reveals one's needs, and the gospel provides the answer to the need. When the people heard the law, they realized that they were guilty. The King concluded the reading of the law and made a covenant with the Lord to obey all the words of the book and urged the people to a similar pledge. The people agreed to walk after the Lord — to worship the Lord — and to keep his commandments — all the laws of God. "They stood to it." This was the seal. Sinners may resolve to accept Christ and live the good life, but unless they walk out in a public declaration of their inward vow, the devil can easily steal away their good intentions.

The revival brought the people to serve God in a new spirit. Certain practices, which formally did not appear bad, now stood out as sickening to God and sober-minded people. The King commanded that all the people keep the passover. This proved to be a great experience of thanksgiving, contrition and prayer.

Josiah had thirteen years after discovering the book of the law in which to work for the reform of the nation. He was killed in battle with the Egyptians. All the work he had done was not enough to overcome the 57 years of the wicked work of Manasseh and Amon. After the good king Josiah, was killed, the people turned from commitment to Jehovah and worshipped the gods of the victorious Egyptians. Five years after the death of Josiah, the king of Babylon overran Judah and began carrying the people into captivity.

The king had made an earnest attempt to bring about revival and turn the people back to covenant faith. The real test of revival is how the people "walk once they come back to earth." There are many experiences that people claim, but the real test is how the people live once all the crutches are removed. To renew and to purify a society, a religious revival must change the basic convictions and behavior of people. You cannot force a program a revival on a society as a whole. Revival works in individuals and then moves to persons or groups.

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# In Mission Together

By Wm. J. Fallis  
John 10:1-18; Romans 16;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-31; 3:5-9

For three months we have been studying the Bible in a very different way under the title "The Bible and the Church." The first four lessons were on the early days of the church: its message, organization, and problems of growth.

Last week I wrote about communication as it evolved in our family's working out a one-temperature shower for everyone who wishes it. When I started writing that column, I had in mind to examine the little ways that family members fail, but I went the way of communication. Now, I will go back and chase the other rabbit.

Two main things have been noticeable in the shower battle (much too serious a name to give it, I'm sure) over the years at our house. First, from some places in the house one cannot hear the shower running, so one may have not known the shower was occupied. Second, most of the time, none of us made the effort to hear if the shower water ran. In a normal home, people probably judge the occupancy of the shower by the time of day or night. In ours, never.

The point is not, however, our

rivalries had developed within the Corinth church. Without mentioning any differences of beliefs, he told the Corinthians that he knew of at least four groups

within the church, each one bragging on its leader. Even if they all agreed on doctrine, Paul saw danger in that kind of party spirit. He was not flattered that some had claimed him as their favorite.

Verse 13 means: "Surely Christ has not been divided among you!" (NEB). Paul was horrified that they should think of Christ as only one among four leaders. To underscore that absurdity, he asked: "Was Paul crucified for you?" Were they baptized in his name? If an emphasis on that ordinance was leading them astray, he was glad he had baptized only three members there. His primary concern had been to preach the gospel so that the cross would not be obscured. When focused there, the Corinthians could recover their unity in Christ. But if rivalries grew, the message of Christ would be handicapped.

Dr. R. G. Lee  
To Preach At  
1st, Hazlehurst

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis, will preach at First Church, Hazlehurst, August 21 and 22.

On Saturday at 7 p.m., he will

difficulties in living the Christian life. Since July 25 we have been thinking of various aspects of the mission of the church. In every lesson we have seen how the Bible held the church on its course, sometimes forcing self-examination but always giving guidance, hope, and courage. Today's lesson shows why it is better for Christians to work together than apart.

The Lesson Explained  
MANY NAMES WITH ONE  
LORD (Rom. 16)

Most of Paul's letters were written to churches and were intended to be read aloud at meetings. Thus, the names of cities in their salutations tend to keep us from thinking of the names

A Woman's World Reaches For  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**  
Wilde Fender

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## Devotional



## Alva Dedicates Renovated Building

August 1 was a special day in the history of Alva Church, Webster County. The beautifully renovated building was dedicated, debt-free with note-burning, at the eleven o'clock worship service. Both the Rev. George Heath, former pastor, and the Rev. James E. Draine, director of associational missions, assisted in the service. After "dinner-on-the-ground" the church enjoyed a hymn-singing.

## Laymen Needed To Rebuild Damage From Dam Flooding

**IDAHO FALLS**, Idaho (BP) — Almost two months after the 310-foot Teton Dam broke here, flooding the upper Snake River Valley, an area disaster relief committee has issued a plea for Baptist laymen to come help the residents reconstruct farm buildings destroyed by the flood.

George Ichler, pastor of the Upper Valley Baptist Chapel in St. Anthony, Idaho, and co-chairman of the disaster relief processing committee which is coordinating the rebuilding effort, contacted Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

Godfrey in turn contacted each of the state Baptist Brotherhood directors asking for their help in recruiting individual laymen who would spend up to one week helping in the project. The layman would need to provide their own transportation to Idaho Falls, but Ichler said the committee there would provide housing.

"The greatest need," Ichler said, "is for men to help farmers rebuild fences, barns, and animal shelters before the snows begin in October."

Ichler explained that although thousands of cattle in the ranch country were drowned in the flood, thousands of others survived. But the flood waters leveled most of

the fences and barns and many of the cattle wandered aimlessly around the unfenced countryside.

He said the committee also needs persons to do "applicant work" by assisting victims of the disaster in filling out applications for aid and referring them to service agencies which could provide help. He suggested that couples might respond with the men working in the farm repair project and wives helping in the applicant work.

"Housing is available at no cost in the area churches and schools, and there are excellent camping facilities nearby for campers and motor homes," Ichler said.

Even though the flood occurred June 5, the area residents are just now clearing most of the muck away and need help of volunteers, Ichler explained.

Ten persons were killed in the flooding from the broken dam, and an estimated 3,000 were left homeless. Property damage was estimated at \$1 billion.

Immediately after the tragedy the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board made available \$20,000 in disaster relief funds to Ichler and other area Baptist pastors involved in the relief project.

Godfrey urges persons interested in responding to the need to contact their state Baptist Brotherhood director or him at the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

## How Can I Please God?

By Paul Vandercrook

Text: Micah 6:6-8

Here is a question that is frequently asked. Oh, the wording may be a little different but in our own way each of us wants to know what will please God. What must I do to make God happy with me?

The prophet asked, "How shall I come before the Lord . . . ?" What shall I bring with me? Does he want sacrifices as prescribed in the law? Would he be even happier if I brought multiplied times the number of sacrifices? Would it please him if I sacrificed my very own first born child?

It is almost as if the prophet were saying that men would go to any lengths to please God. They would give up anything they had for his good will. Would they be willing, though, to do the three things that God did require of them?

What God really wanted then and still wants from us in the twentieth century was not sacrifices or huge show of giving. He wanted a lifestyle dedicated to his will. Micah said the Lord requires only that you do justly, love mercy, and humble yourself to walk with your God.

No more than ancient Israel could satisfy God by ritual and sacrifice can we please him with our show of religion. It takes more than outward works and giving to follow God's will.

He demands an humble and contrite heart. First of the things Micah listed was to do justly. No matter what our sacrifice or how big our gift, if our attitudes toward God's creatures are not in line with his then we have not come before him as we should. To do justly means treating our brothers equally, fairly in all our dealings. Justice is not just a courtroom word.

Central to living a godly life is a loving attitude for everyone. Mercy for others is a positive action and requires both seeing the needs of those around us and meeting them. Just to feel sorry for someone is not enough. To have mercy is to share what we have to heal the hurt of others.

Finally, God requires that we humble ourselves to walk with him. Humility is one of life's greatest virtues as well as one of its rarest. Compare your life to that of the Lord. In that light can we be more than humble?

These three things God requires justice, mercy, and humility. There is no outward show of religion, just the right relationships between God and men.

## Arkansas Church Calls Wigley

The Rev. Eugene Wigley, pastor at Shaw for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of the Lonoke Baptist Church, Lonoke, Arkansas. Near Little Rock, Lonoke is in the Caroline Baptist Association.

Before going to Shaw in 1973, Mr. Wigley was pastor of Spring Cottage Church, Columbia, for 21 months. He received a B. A. degree from Mississippi College and Th.M. with Honors from New Orleans Seminary.

## Mississippians On Music Staff At Glorieta

Sherry Clark of Hattiesburg is serving as pianist for the Glorieta Conference Center for the summer and Ray Harris of Aberdeen is organist.

Miss Clark is a graduate of William Carey College and is a student at Southwestern Seminary studying religious education. Mr. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conwell R. Harris, is a graduate student at Mississippi State University majoring in piano and music education.



## Mississippi Seminary Awards Honorary Degrees

Two men have been honored by receiving honorary doctor's degrees from Mississippi Seminary. Receiving honorary doctor of theology degrees at seminary commencement exercises were Rev. Adrian Horne of Cleveland and Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor of Bissell Baptist Church in Tupelo.

Rev. Horne is associated with the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Ford is associated with the Tupelo Center of Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

## Cannon Installed In Houston

James H. Cannon preached his first sermon as pastor of Parkway, Houston, Ms., July 18. The Cannons moved to Parkway from First Baptist Church of Lockesburg, Ark. where he was pastor for eleven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon and their eight-year-old son, Mark, are natives of Arkansas. They have two daughters who are married.

Mr. Cannon received his B.A. degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. and attended Southwestern Seminary.

## Calvary (Prentiss) To Mark 15th Year

Calvary Church, Prentiss County, Booneville, will observe its 15th anniversary on August 22. Special services and dinner on the grounds are planned, according to the pastor, Rev. Charles Farmer.

## Rev. B. W. Hudson

## Dies At 84

Rev. B. W. Hudson, 84, retired Baptist minister and resident of 190 Glennary St., Jackson, died late Friday, August 13, at St. Dominic Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 16, at Crestwood Church with Dr. Joe H. Tuton, Dr. John Flowers and the Rev. R. L. Lambright officiating.

Survivors include his wife, the former Genevieve Cooper of Flora, one brother, and three sisters.

Mr. Hudson was a native of Winona. He was ordained in 1912 at Hayes Creek Church in Montgomery County. He graduated from Mississippi College in the class of 1925 where he was active in all religious activities and member of the Mississippi College Male Quartet. He pastored several churches during his college days, including Crestwood Church in Jackson. He later graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Senatobia, held other pastorates in Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, as well as others in Mississippi.

He served as moderator of associations and was chairman of district missions in Louisiana. He served for years as secretary for pastor's conferences and was president of the minister's conference in New Orleans. After his retirement from the pastorate, he continued to do supply work. He served 40 years until blindness caused him to leave the active ministry.

## Glen Williams Accepts Texas Job

Rev. Glen T. Williams has resigned as director of the Pike County Association, effective August 16, to accept a position as associate pastor and minister of education with the Congress Avenue Church in Austin, Tex.

Since coming to Mississippi in 1962 he has served as director of missions in Jasper and Covington-Jefferson Davis Association, as well as the last four years as first director of missions in Pike.

His new address will be 1511 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.

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